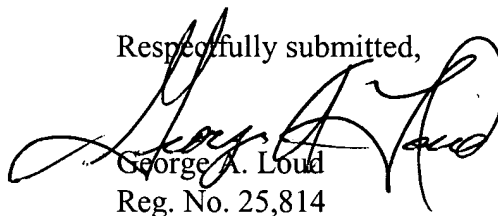


REMARKS

A petition for a one month extension of time has today been filed as a separate paper and a copy is attached hereto.

The present amendments are made to place the case in condition for allowance in that the only claims remaining of record are allowable claims 11 and 17. Although claim 11 is amended, the amendment serves to revert to the language of original claim 11 which the examiner indicated to be allowable in paragraph 8 of the office action of February 25, 2003. Further, the language of claim 11 as amended here is also found in allowed claim 17. Accordingly, the present amendments to claim 11 raise no new issue and require no further search.

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